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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM YURIY ORLOV'S BRITISH DEFENSE

COUNSEL

REF: A) MOSCOW 9303; B) LONDON 9725

- 1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTER FROM JOHN MACDONALD, QC, THE PROMINENT BRITISH ATTORNEV WHO IS TRYING TO ACT AS DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR JAILED SOVIET CSCE OBSERVATION GROUP LEADER YURIY ORLOV. (AS REPORTED REFTEL B, MACDONALD HELD A PUBLIC "DEFENSE" OF ORLOV IN LONDON ON JUNE 13, AT WHICH SEVERAL LEADING SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND EXILES TESTIFIED ON ORLOV'S BEHALF.)
- 2. IN HIS LETTER, MR. MACDONALD SAYS, "I SHALL BE IN CONTACT WITH MRS. ORLOV DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LET ME KNOW WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE RAISING PROFESSOR ORLOV'S CASE AT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE IN THE AUTUMN. I AM SURE MRS. ORLOV WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE HER."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE MR. MACDONALD'S LETTER MERITS A RESPONSE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE DEFINITE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS RESRONSE MAY RECEIVE SOME DEGREE OF PUBLI-

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